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SUBJ: DISCUSSIONS IN OECD EPC RESTRICTED SESSION JUNE 16

OF U.S. PROPOSAL FOR GROWTH STUDY

REF: STATE 133569

1. ECON MIN DISCUSSED POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL WITH DEPUTY FONMIN YOSHINO AND WITH ECON AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR-GENERAL MIYAZAKI, WHO WELCOMED AND INDICATED GOJ PREPARED SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED ECONOMISTS TO STUDY GROWTH PROBLEMS AT OECD ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE (EPC) EXPANDED BUREAU MEETING JUNE 16 AND HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH OTHER PRELIMINARY U.S. VIEWS STATED REFTEL.

2. MIYAZAKI ASKED FOR HINT OF LEVEL AND TYPE OF EXPERTISE OF U.S. NOMINEES AS BEING HELPFUL TO GOJ IN MAKING ITS
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NOMINATIONS; HE SPECIFICALLY INQUIRED WHETHER U.S. CON-

CEPTION OF FUNCTION WOULD RULE OUT GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST.
ECON MIN SAID HE HAD NO INDICATION OF ANY U.S. OBJECTION
TO NOMINATION OF GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST PER SE BUT REFERRED
TO POINTS CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL RE INDEPENDENCE OF
GROUP AND SELECTION ON BASIS OF INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATIONS
AND EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT MAGNITUDE OF TASK WOULD
PROBABLY REQUIRE FULL-TIME COMMITMENT FROM THOSE SELECTED
FOR SMALL GROUP.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
ANY AVAILABLE INFO ON U.S. NOMINEE AND VIEWS ON SUITABIL-
ITY OF GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GOJ IN
TIME TO BE CONSIDERED PRIOR TO JUNE 16 MEETING.
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